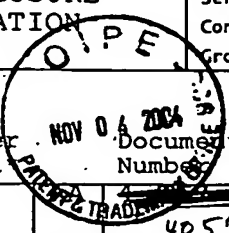


**INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE
CITATION**

Applicant: Rainer BITTERMANN, et al.
 Ser.No. : 10/808 968 Filed : March 25, 2004
 Conf. No.: 7071 Atty.Ref.: Ruff C-23
 Group : 3683


U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
<i>DS</i>	4 245 724 4057297	11/1977	Beck, et al.			
<i>DS</i>	AB 4 245 724	1/1981	Beck			
<i>DS</i>	AC 6 206 163	3/2001	Schneider			
	AD					
	AE					
	AF					
	AG					
	AH					
	AI					
	AJ					
	AK					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes No
<i>DS</i> AL 101 30 930	1/2003	Germany	(includes English language abstract)		
AM 1 067 305	1/2001	EPO			
AN 2 123 502	2/1984	United Kingdom			
<i>DS</i> AO 2 239 907	7/1991	United Kingdom			
AP					

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pages, Etc.)

<i>DS</i> AR	German language German Examination Report February 18, 2004 (3 sheets)
AS	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

12/26/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.